

SERMON NOTES

HOW TO LIVE IN THE LAST DAYS

1 Peter 4:7-11



BIG IDEA: Because the end is near, we must live now to glorify Christ—by praying, loving, welcoming, and serving faithfully.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

If you knew for certain that Jesus was coming back in a year, what would you change about the way you live your daily life? To what extent do these priorities align with God's will as revealed in Scripture?

What does Peter mean by "the end of all things is near" (v. 7)? How should this perspective affect the way we live each day?

Why does Peter connect prayer with being self-controlled and clear-minded (v. 7)? What gets in the way of this kind of prayer in your life?

What does Peter mean that "love covers a multitude of sins" (v. 8; cf. Prov 10:12; James 5:20)? What are some wrong ways this could be misunderstood?

Why is it important to practice hospitality "without grumbling" (v. 9)? What might grumbling look today?

What are our main reasons for using spiritual gifts, and should we use them for this purpose (v. 10-11)?

APPLY

Is there a difference between the way you would set your priorities in the last days and the way God calls you to live in the last days?

Which of Peter's commands—pray, love, welcome, serve—comes hardest for you right now? What would it look like to take one small step in that area this week?

Is there a way you've been resisting God's call to serve others? How might the gospel free you to serve joyfully rather than reluctantly?

How can the good news of Christ expand your capacity to love when you feel drained or wronged?

COMMIT

This week, don't overthink your gifts—just take one step to glorify Christ by praying, loving, welcoming, or serving someone in need.